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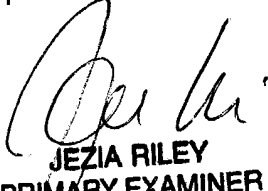
***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 11/12/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the new set of claims is missing the limitation **“wherein the label is cleavable to give a charged species for mass spectrometry”** in step b) (see instant claim 1 , for example). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jezia Riley whose telephone number is 703-305-6855. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM - 5:00PM.

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